REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 30, 2003 including claims 1 - 18. Figure

1 of the drawings and paragraphs 30, 39, and 40 of the specification have been amended as

explained in greater detail below. Thus, claims 1 - 18 remain in the application. No new matter

has been added.

Figure 1 has been amended to correct errors with respect to reference numerals 22 and 24

that are used to designate the inboard and outboard sides of the seat cushion 16. This correction

has been effected by simply switching reference numerals 22 and 24 with respect to each other in

amended Figure 1. In this way, the inboard and outboard sides of the vehicle seat assembly 10

for a passenger are properly designated in the amended figure.

The specification was amended at paragraphs 30, 39, and 40 to more clearly state that the

controller 40 sends output to the restraint system 42. In addition, paragraph 40 was amended to

identify applicants' co-pending patent application by its serial number which was unknown at the

time of filing.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims clearly distinguish over the prior art and are

therefore allowable. Accordingly, applicants respectfully solicit the consideration and early

allowance of the claims pending in this case.

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